The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

Minutes of Meeting 627

October 9, 2019

Senate minutes are time-indexed [in square brackets] to the relevant segments of the streaming video of the meeting.

Synopsis:

- Presentations: none
- Unfinished Business:
  - a. Proposal 5-20: “University Senate in New Employee Orientation” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
  - b. Proposal 6-20: “Supervisor Training for all Supervisors” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)
  - c. TABLED: Proposal 4-20: “Recommendation: The School of Business and Economics requests to Transition to a College, ‘The College of Business’”
- New Business: None

1. Call to Order

President Michael Mullins called the University Senate Meeting 627 to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday October 9, 2019.

2. Roll Call of Senators and Recognition of Visitors [0:20-3:00]

The Senate Secretary Brian Barkdoll called roll. Absent were senators Loomis, Hazaveh, Vertanen, Cooke, Beffel, O’Kane, and Jones with no representatives from Army/Air Force ROTC, Kinesiology & Integrative Phy., Academic Services B and C, Auxiliaries, and Student Affairs & Advancement A or liaisons from Graduate Faculty Council, Staff Council, and Undergraduate Student Government. Visitors were: Bonnie Gorman (Dean of Students), Dean Johnson (School of Business), Jackie Huntoon (Provost’s Office), and Theresa Coleman-Kaiser (Administration).

3. Approval of Agenda [3:00-3:38]

The agenda was passed on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

4. Approval of Minutes from Meeting 626 [3:38-4:19]
The minutes were passed on a voice vote with no discussion or abstention.

5. Presentations [4:19-4:24]

None.

6. President’s Report [4:24-7:15]

President Koubek agreed to talk to the Senate on 5-year plan for next Senate meeting. Admin responded to Proposal 37-19; not able to do at this time. Proposal 39-19 regarding benefits planning cmte was declined but administration will have alterative proposal. Proposal 30-20 regarding name change to SFRES was approved.

7. Committee Reports [7:15-21:54]

- Academic and Instructional Policy – Carlos Amador: nothing to report
- Administrative Policy – Mark Rudnicki: submit draft of Presidential evaluation by Christmas to Pres. Ready to send out in February
- Curricular Policy – Jeff Burl: nobody willing to chair cmte.
- Elections – Chair Robert Hutchinson: convened and Hutchinson is chair again. Academic Integrity Cmte election finished. Need 2 more nominations for Faculty Review Cmte. Grad Dean Search Cmte members now elected.
- Fringe Benefits – Sam Sweitz: nothing to report.
- Information Technology – Yu Cai: nothing to report.
- Professional Staff Policy – Steve Knudstrup: 2 proposals coming up
- Research Policy – Charles Kerfoot: working on textbook proposal
- Ad Hoc Committee Reports
  1. Committee on Senate Meeting Time and Length: Knudstrup solicited members.
  2. Committee to review Policy on Quality of Online Courses (Proposal 12-19): Barkdoll gave overview and asked for members.

8. Unfinished Business [21:54-1:08:22]

- Proposal 5-20: “University Senate in New Employee Orientation” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Knudstrup gave overview. Proposal PASSED unanimously by voice vote without abstention.
b. Proposal 6-20: “Supervisor Training for all Supervisors” Presented by Professional Staff Policy Committee (Voting Units: All)

Knudstrup gave overview. Discussion ensued. Amendments were proposed. Amended text approved by hand vote. Motion made to table the proposal for cmte to add more details. Proposal TABLED unanimously by voice vote without abstention.

c. TABLED: Proposal 4-20: “Recommendation: The School of Business and Economics requests to Transition to a College, ‘The College of Business.’”

Motion untabled. Dean Johnson gave overview. Proposal PASSED by iClicker vote of 22 Yes and 5 No.

9. New Business [1:08:22-1:09:00]

None.

10. Public Comments [1:09:00-1:10:52]

Hunton asked for Senate member for Library Director search cmte. Allred was made Senate member by unanimous acclimation.

11. Adjournment

President Mullins adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Barkdoll
Secretary of the University Senate